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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN (ILR)
LETTER ON THE TRUST TERRITORY (TT)

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE ILR TO TC
PRESIDENT MURRAY (UK). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ILR HAS
IN ANOTHER LETTER, REQUESTED THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL
TERRITORIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ALLOW A REPRESENTATIVE
TO ADDRESS THE SUB-COMMITTEE DURING ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE
TT. WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THE TEXT OF THAT LETTER TOMORROW.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MURRAY:

WE NOTE THAT OUR PETITION OF MAY 28, 1975, AUGUST 22,
1975, AND DECEMBER 1, 1975 ON THE UN TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS (MICRONESIA) WERE NOT CIRCULATED AS DOCU-
MENTS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL UNTIL THREE TO NINE MONTHS
AFTER THEY WERE SUBMITTED. (DOCUMENTS T/PET.10/99, 25
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WE FIND THIS FACT EXTREMELY DISTURBING. THESE DOCU-

MENTS COULD HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANCE, BUT RATHER WERE CIRCULATED AFTER THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS APPROVED "COMMONWEALTH STATUS" FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EFFORT TO UNILATERALLY TERMINATE THE UN TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN THE VIGOROUS PERFORMANCE OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS IN THIS LAST UN TRUST TERRITORY, AND THE FACT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL NOW CONSISTS OF CURRENT OR FORMER ADMINISTERING POWERS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO APPEAL TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, WHOSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CIRCULATION OF THIS LETTER IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE UNDER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

YOURS SINCERELY,
JEROME J. SHESTACK
CHAIRMAN
UNQUOTE
SCRANTON

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